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1. REPAIR TRANSMITTED THIS REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AN ADVISORY GROUP ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL WHICH MET IN VIENNA FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 4, 1977. SECTION V OF THAT REPORT ADDRESSES IN A GENERAL WAY THE POSSIBLE CONTENTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL DURING INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT. SPECIFICALLY, PARA 36 OF THAT REPORT READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE ADVISORY GROUP INVITES THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO CONSIDER, IN CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER STATES AS APPROPRIATE THE INITIATION OF A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS DURING INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT. UNQUOTE.

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2. MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND HAS APPROVED A SERIES OF ACTIONS RECOMMENDED BY ADVISORY GROUP AND ENDORSED BY AGENCY'S COORDINATOR OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION ACTIVITIES (MORAWIECKI). ONE OF THE ACTIONS WHICH SHOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO DEPT IS ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP IN SECRETARIAT "TO PREPARE (WITH THE HELP OF CONSULTANTS) A BACKGROUND PAPER ON

REGULATIONS FOR TRANSPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AN

DRAFT TEXT(S) OF IAEA REGULATIONS OR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION." AGENCY PLANS TO ESTABLISH GROUP THIS MONTH AND FORESEES CIRCULATION OF DRAFTS TO MEMBER STATES FOR COMMENT IN NOVEMBER.

3. MISSION WILL REPORT FURTHER AS SECRETARIAT EVOLVES PLAN OF SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL STEPS AND SCHEDULE INVOLVED.

4. OTHER AGENCY ACTIVITIES IN FIELD OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION WHICH DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS APPROVED INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

- (A) PROVISION OF TA IN FORM OF EXPERTS AND FELLOWSHIPS;
- ((B) DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING COURSES;
- (C) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFORMATION BANK;
- (D) PREPARATION OF IAEA DOCUMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE PHYSICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR POWER REACTORS;
- (E) INITIATION OF STEPS TO REVISE INFCIRC/225.STONE

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